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## SCIENTIFIC NEWS.

— In a recent letter to Dr. Hayden, M. de Lapparent, President of the Société Géologique de France, writes that the Geological Society of France has resolved to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its foundation. This should properly occur on the 15th of March, but as the annual meeting takes place April 1st, the Society has decided that the two meetings shall take place at the same time. A report will be read of the part which the Society has taken in the geological progress of the last fifty years. After the meeting a banquet will be given by the French members of the Society to the foreign geologists who have been so good as to respond in person to the invitation to be present. M. de Lapparent speaks of the pleasant relations established with foreign geologists by the meeting of 1878, and hopes that these relations will be further increased in 1880, and that much may be done to render the meeting at Bologna, in 1881, still more interesting and important.

— The dispute between the Directors of the Park Commissioners and the Permanent Exhibition Company of Philadelphia having been settled to the satisfaction of both parties, the latter will at once proceed to carry out its plan as a combination of museums. The close of last year saw a balance of \$16,000 in its treasury, and it is believed that next year a considerable increase in the fund available for scientific purposes, will be made.

— Mons. A. Robin (Préparateur à la Faculté des Sciences), Rue d'Ulm, 38, Paris, France, is now preparing a general work upon the anatomy of the *Chiroptera*, and wishes to obtain, either by exchange, or otherwise, American material in this order of mammals.

— According to the *Academy*, C. Kegan Paul & Co., London, have published a memoir of the late Dr. Phillip P. Carpenter, well known as an able naturalist as well as philanthropist and sanitary reformer.

— The Academy of Science at Turin has awarded a prize, amounting in value to about £480, to Mr. Charles Darwin for his discoveries in the physiology of plants.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, February 16.—Dr. R. P. Stevens remarked on the geology at the head of the Ten-mile branch of the Blue river, Colorado, and Mr. W. E. Hidden exhibited and described two new meteorites from the Southern States.

March 1.—Prof. E. C. Spitzka made a communication on the brain of man and of the ape, their resemblances and their differences.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY, February 18.—Mr. E. R. Benton spoke on the Brighton "amygdaloid," and Dr. Wm. M. Davis on the stratified amygdaloids in the Brighton amygdaloid, while Prof. N. S. Shaler remarked on the origin of the various classes of lavas.

March 3.—Prof. G. H. Stone read a paper on the kames of Maine.

MIDDLESEX SCIENTIFIC FIELD CLUB, Malden, Mass., January 7.—Prof. E. A. Dolbeare, of College Hill, Mass., read a paper on radiant energy and its effects. Radiant energy, with Prof. Dolbeare, is synonymous with the terms heat, light, etc.

February 4.—Herbert A. Young, of Revere, Mass., read a paper on insectivorous plants, illustrated by diagrams.

CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, Jan. 11, 1880.—President Davidson in the chair. Mr. B. B. Redding read a paper on "The Buried Treasures of our Remote Ancestors." Prof. Davidson made a verbal communication announcing the results of the Coast Survey Expedition for the observation of the late Solar Eclipse.

Feb. 2.—President Davidson in the chair. Mr. Stillman read the chemical analysis of a secretion of the *Parrya mexicana*, the greasewood or creosote plant, caused by the puncture of an insect; also analysis of the oil of the California laurel or bay tree. J. P. Moore announced that a catalogue of the Fungi of California was about to be published by Dr. Harkness under the auspices of the Academy. Dr. Behr read a paper on the gradual change of the Flora of the San Francisco peninsula, and on the supplanting of the native growths of all countries by those of Europe and Africa, especially the former.

March 1.—Prof. David S. Jordan gave an account of the labors of the Fish Commission on the Pacific coast. Prof. Stillman read an article on the gum and coloring matter found on *Acacia greggi* and *Larrea mexicana*. There was a discussion on the Metric System.

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## SELECTED ARTICLES IN SCIENTIFIC SERIALS.

THE CANADIAN ENTOMOLOGIST.—February. On certain species of *Satyrus*, by W. H. Edwards.

THE GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.—February. Mr. Hill on the cause of the glacial epoch, by James Croll.

ANNALS AND MAGAZINE OF NATURAL HISTORY.—February. On some blind Amphipoda of the Caspian sea, by Dr. Oscar Grimm.

ZEITSCHRIFT FÜR NATURWISSENSCHAFTLICHE ZOÖLOGIE.—January 23. On the development of the skull of the salamanders, by Ph. Stöhr. On the central nervous system of the crayfish, by K. R. Krieger. On the convolutions of the cerebral hemispheres of the zono-placental mammals, by J. Krueg.